

MINUTES

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 736 RICHLAND AVENUE, AIKEN, S. C.

REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 15, 2005 – 7:00 P.M.

(A) CALL TO ORDER

Determining that a quorum was present, Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Council Member present:

Chairman Ronnie Young
Kathy Rawls
Scott Singer
LaWana McKenzie
Chuck Smith
Eddie Butler
Charles Barton
Gary Bunker
Willar H. Hightower, Jr.

Also present:

J. Clay Killian, County Administrator
Robert M. Bell, County Attorney
Chris Ceasar, Assistant Council Clerk

(B) INVOCATION

Councilman Hightower led in the invocation.

(C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Bunker led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. February 15, 2005 Worksession
 2. February 15, 2005 Regular Meeting
 3. March 1, 2005 Worksession
 4. March 1, 2005 Regular Meeting
- a. Councilwoman McKenzie made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Hightower seconded.
 - b. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote with Councilwoman Rawls abstaining on the March 1, 2005 minutes as she was not in attendance at that meeting.

(E) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Butler made a motion to make changes to the agenda:

- a. Delete Old Business #4.
- b. Add Consent #16a – authorize the use of \$2 million in the capital projects sales tax earmarked for the Bobby Jones Expressway infrastructure as match for the Bobby Jones Expressway Infrastructure Bank funds, subject to approval by County Attorney of consistency with ballot question.
- c. Add Consent #16b – resolution to congratulate the members of the Carpentersville Baptist Church in celebrating the church's 80th anniversary.

- d. Councilman Butler made the motion for adoption. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
- e. Passed by unanimous vote.

(F) AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- 1. Proposed Resolution to Commend David Cunningham for His Outstanding Service to the Citizens of Aiken County and Bath Fire Department.
(County Council)
 - a. Councilwoman McKenzie made a motion for the approval. Councilman Butler seconded.
 - b. Passed by unanimous vote.
- 2. Proposed Resolution to Recognize and Congratulate Bobby Coates for Winning the National Silver Gloves Boxing Championship.
(Hightower, McKenzie)
 - a. Councilwoman Hightower made a motion for the approval. Councilman McKenzie seconded.
 - b. Passed by unanimous vote.

(G) PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 22, Tax Review Board of the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Reflect Changes in the Name of the Board and Changes in State Law.
 - a. No comments were made.
- 2. Proposed Resolution to Change the Official Road Name of a Section of Tennessee Avenue (S-599) to Abbeville Avenue in County Council District 8.
 - a. Councilman Hightower stated that this resolution was being further discussed by the Development Committee and staff was to relook to see if maybe the name could be Tennessee Ext.
- 3. Request for Approval of a Proposed Amendment to the Aiken County Official Zoning and Development Atlas to Rezone Tax Parcels 10-059-0-06-003, -004, -005, and -006 Located at 401 Hazel Street, 105 Elizabeth Avenue, 101 Elizabeth Avenue, and 403 Hazel Street, Belvedere, South Carolina in Council District 5 from RC to UD.
 - a. Mr. Clarence McPherson, a neighbor, stated he had no objection to the zoning change.
 - b. Mr. Grady Walker stated he had no objection to the zoning change.
 - c. Councilman Butler stated that the area was in transition and it was okay to rezone these parcels.

(H) OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Section 2-472. Safety Committee of the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Alter the Makeup of the Employee Safety Committee.
(Administrative Committee) (Third Reading)
 - a. Councilwoman Rawls made a motion for the approval. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
 - b. Passed by unanimous vote.

2. Proposed Ordinance to Alter Fees for the Aiken County Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department.
(Development Committee) (Third Reading)
 - a. Councilman Butler made a motion for the approval. Councilman Hightower seconded.
 - b. Passed by unanimous vote.
3. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 22, Tax Review Board of the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Reflect Changes in the Name of the Board and Changes in State Law.
(Administrative Committee) (Third Reading)
 - a. Councilman Barton made a motion for the approval. Councilman Bunker seconded.
 - b. Passed by unanimous vote.
4. Proposed Ordinance to Authorize the Council Chairman to Execute Documents Related to a Loan to Aiken County from Aiken Electric Cooperative for the Hydrogen Lab at the Savannah River Research Campus.
(County Council) (Third Reading)
 - a. Deleted

(I) CONSENT AGENDA/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

I. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

1. Proposed Resolution to Appoint One Member to Designated Boards, Commissions and Committees with Terms of the Appointees to Run Concurrent with that of the Councilmember from Districts 1, 2, 6, and 7.
(Rawls, Singer, Barton, Bunker)
2. Proposed Resolution to Appoint One Member to Designated Boards, Commission and Committees with Terms of the Appointees to Run Concurrent with that of the Councilmember from District 3.
(McKenzie)
3. Proposed Resolution to Appoint One Member to Designated Boards, Commission and Committees with Terms of the Appointees to Run Concurrent with that of the Councilmember from District 4.
(Smith)
4. Proposed Resolution to Appoint Members to the Animal Control Advisory Committee.
(County Council)
5. Proposed Resolution to Approve the Allocation of Funds for Various Non Profit Agencies from the FY 2005 Council Contingency Fund.
(County Council)
6. Proposed Resolution to Assign the Official Road Name of San Jose Road (P-1212) to an Existing Unnamed Private Road in County Council District 5.
(Butler)
7. Proposed Resolution to Accept a Deed and Certificate of Title for Ceferino Drive (C-2578) and Mim Woodring Drive (C-2577) in Ceferino Place Subdivision Located in Council District 5.
(Butler)

8. Proposed Resolution to Direct that Speed Limit Signs be Erected on Sparrow Road (C-644) Located in Council District 1 and on Southmeadows Blvd (C-2501) Located in Council District 7.
(Rawls, Bunker)
9. Proposed Resolution to Accept a Grant from Palmetto Pride for Supplies for the Adopt-A-Highway Program.
(Development Committee)
10. Proposed Resolution to Accept a Grant from Palmetto Pride for Supplies for the Litter Control Program.
(Development Committee)
11. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with T.B. Bulldozing, Inc. for Day Road Paving.
(Development Committee)
12. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with T.B. Bulldozing, Inc. for Waterwheel Road Paving.
(Development Committee)
13. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services for the Provision of Matching Funds for Medicaid Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Services, as Authorized in the FY 2005 County Operating Budget.
(Administrative Committee)
14. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Central Procurement Division to Purchase Emergency Communications Trailer from Nomad Technologies, Inc.
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)
15. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Aiken County Sheriff's Office to Apply for a Grant from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)
16. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Execute an Agreement with BellSouth for the Purchase of E-911 Consoles for the Aiken Department of Public Safety.
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)
- 16a. Authorize the use of \$2 million in the capital projects sales tax earmarked for the Bobby Jones Expressway infrastructure as match for the Bobby Jones Expressway Infrastructure Bank funds, subject to approval by County Attorney of consistency with ballot question.
- 16b. Proposed Resolution to Congratulate the Members of the Carpentersville Baptist Church in Celebrating the Church's 80th Anniversary.

II. CONSENT AGENDA/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

17. Proposed Ordinance to Relinquish any Residual Ownership in the Council on Aging Offices Located on Morgan Street in Aiken.
(Administrative Committee)
- a. Councilwoman McKenzie made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Smith seconded.
- b. The Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

(J) NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Approval of a Proposed Amendment to the Aiken County Official Zoning and Development Atlas to Rezone Tax Parcels 10-059-0-06-001, -002, -005, and -006 Located at 401 Hazel Street, 105 Elizabeth Avenue, 101 Elizabeth Avenue, and 403 Hazel Street, Belvedere, South Carolina in Council District 5 from RC to UD:

- A. Proposed Ordinance to Approve a Proposed Amendment to the Aiken County Official Zoning and Development Atlas to Rezone Tax Parcels 10-059-0-06-001, 002, -005, and -006 Located at 401 Hazel Street, 105 Elizabeth Avenue, 101 Elizabeth Avenue, and 403 Hazel Street, Belvedere, South Carolina in Council District 5 from RC to UD.
(Butler) (First Reading)

or

- B. Proposed Resolution to Disapprove a Proposed Amendment to the Aiken County Official Zoning and Development Atlas to Rezone Tax Parcels 10-059-0-06-001, 002, -005, and -006 Located at 401 Hazel Street, 105 Elizabeth Avenue, 101 Elizabeth Avenue, and 403 Hazel Street, Belvedere, South Carolina in Council District 5 from RC to UD.
(Butler)

- a. Councilman Bunker made a motion to approve the Ordinance under Option A for first reading. Councilman Smith seconded.
- b. The Ordinance under Option A passed by unanimous vote on first reading.

(K) PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of Activities on SBA
(Ms. Reka Mosteller, Area Manager, Small Business Development Center)
 - a. Ms. Reka Mosteller explained what the Small Business Development Center does for local businesses and entrepreneurs. She requested that funding (\$15,000) be included the County's operating budget to assist in maintaining the high quality and affordable services they provide to local businesses and entrepreneurs.

(L) ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND THE PUBLIC RECORD

1. Fiscal Year 2005 Aiken County Contingency Report as of March 2, 2005.

(M) INFORMAL MEETING OF WHOLE

- a. Councilman Smith made a motion to recess for Executive Session. Councilman Singer seconded.
- b. The motion to recess passed by unanimous vote.

RECESSED – 8:05 PM

(N) EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Legal Matters:
 - a. Status Report on Pending Litigation, Legal Claims and Legal Advice.
(County Attorney) (Verbal)

2. Contractual Matters:
3. Personnel Matters:

RECONVENED

- a. Councilman Hightower made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Smith seconded.
- b. The motion to adjourn passed by unanimous vote.

(O) ADJOURNMENT – 9:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

SIGNED:

Barbara Strait, Office Manager
Administrator's Office

Ronnie Young, Chairman